CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1-4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently amended) A vehicle steering column, comprising:

an inner steering column element which accommodates a steering spindle such that it can be displaced,

an outer steering column element which is arranged radially around the inner steering column element, and

a sliding bush, which bears slidably against the inner steering column element and is connected captively to the outer steering column element, by which it is possible for the inner steering column element and the outer steering column element to be displaced with respect to one another,

wherein pocketlike depressions that are spaced from each other in an axial direction run radially around the outer surface of the sliding bush and, in the mounted state of the vehicle steering column, are filled with plastic by injection molding through openings provided in the outer steering column element so as to form a fixed connection between the outer steering column element and the sliding bush with simultaneous closing of the openings,

wherein each pocketlike depression is arranged on the outside at axial ends of the sliding bush,

wherein the sliding bush has reinforcing ribs between the depressions, and

wherein the sliding bush bears slidably against the inner steering column element under a prestress.

6. (Previously presented) The vehicle steering column as claimed in claim 5, wherein the sliding bush has a slot extending longitudinally, and wherein the depressions extend circumferentially toward both sides of the slot.

7. (Previously presented) The vehicle steering column as claimed in claim 5, wherein the sliding bush is manufactured from a plastic having a low friction value.

8. (Previously presented) The vehicle steering column as claimed in claim 5, wherein the inner steering column element, the outer steering column element, and the sliding bush are of cylindrical or triangular configurations.

9. (Previously presented) The vehicle steering column as claimed in claim 6, wherein the sliding bush is manufactured from a plastic having a low friction value.

10. (Previously presented) The vehicle steering column as claimed in claim 6, wherein the inner steering column element, the outer steering column element, and the sliding bush are of cylindrical or triangular configurations.

11. (Previously presented) The vehicle steering column as claimed in claim 7, wherein the inner steering column element, the outer steering column element, and the sliding bush are of cylindrical or triangular configurations.